Construction of Navodaya Vidyalaya Building at Vidisha

*187. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of building for the Navodaya Vidyalaya running in the Shammabad town of Vidisha district of Madhya Pradesh will commence; and

(b) by when its construction work will be completed and what are the reasons for delay in the construction of this school building?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The construction of building for Navodaya Vidyalaya, Shamsabad (Madhya Pradesh) has already commenced.

(b) The Madhya Pradesh Housing Board, which is the construction agency, has given the target date of completion of the building as July 1996. There has been delay in commencing the work due to the time taken by the construction agency in completing the formalities prescribed for the purpose.

News-Report on National Policy on Women

*188. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-report which appeared in Times of India, dated 21.11.95 regarding debate over National Policy on Women in New Delhi on 20.11.95 during the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) Conference;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to give job quotas for women both in Government and Private Sector, equal rights over productive resources, education, health, and 33% representation for women in Parliament and State Legislatures?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the proposed National Policy on Women are being worked out.

(c) The Constitution of India guarantees equal rights and opportunities to both men and women in the political, economic and social spheres. It also enables the State to allow affirmative discrimination in favour of women. To uphold the Constitutional mandate, the Government has enacted various legislative measures intended to ensure equal rights to women. Government has also taken a lot of affirmative action to access women to various developmental benefits. Reservation for women in Central Government jobs is under consideration of Government. At present, there is no proposal for reservation of seats for women in the Parliament or State Legislatures.

As regards reservation for women in Private Sector jobs, Section 6 of the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 provides for determining the extent to which women may be employed in establishments or employments.

कृषि क्षेत्र के लिए ऋण का प्रावधान

*189. श्री नागमणि:
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कृषि क्षेत्र में ऋण का प्रावधान इस क्षेत्र की जरूरत से बहुत कम है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) वर्ष 1991-92, 1992-93 और 1993-94 के दौरान देश में कृषि क्षेत्र हेतु कुल कितनी पूंजी की आवश्यकता का अनुमान लगाया गया;

(घ) उक्त अवधि के दौरान इस क्षेत्र को आवश्यकता की तुलना में वास्तव में कितनी पूंजी उपलब्ध करवाई गई;